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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE CANCELLED

1. ACCORDING TO PRO-SOVIET PAPER "SAMIKSHA" HMG HAS ISSUED ORDER TO NEPAL WORLD PEACE COMMITTEE FORBIDDING IT TO HOST INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN KATHMANDU JUNE 5. CONFERENCE WAS TO HAVE BEEN CO-SPONSORED BY WORLD PEACE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS "FOOD AND ENERGY PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER." ROMESH CHANDRA, SECRETARY OF WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, VISITED KATHMANDU IN APRIL AND HAD INVITED PRIME MINISTER RIJAL TO OPEN MEETING. "SAMIKSHA" BLAMED HMG ACTION ON "MAOIST AND PRO-AMERICAN ELEMENTS" WHICH HAD BEEN CAMPAIGNING AGAINST CONFERENCE.

2. COMMENT: "SAMIKSHA" ALLEGATIONS OF PRESSURE PROBABLY REFER TO ARTICLES IN SEVERAL KATHMANDU PAPERS (NAYA SANDESH AND NEW HERALD) WHICH HAD QUESTIONED DESIRABILITY OF HOLDING PRO-SOVIET CONFERENCE IN VIEW OF HMG'S POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT. PAPERS ALLEGED THAT CONFERENCE WOULD SERVE AS FORUM FOR ATTACKS ON BOTH U.S. AND PRC. CHARGE ALSO MENTIONED CONFERENCE IN LOW-KEY

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FASHION TO MFA OFFICIALS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GON WOULD

NOT ALLOW ITSELF TO APPEAR TO BE SPONSORING OR DONCONING
CONFERENCE WHOSE DISCUSSION WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE CHARACTERIZED
BY STATEMENTS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF U.S. GON APPARENTLY THEN
CONCLUDED TIME WAS NOT OPPORTUNE FOR SUCH MEETING.
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